

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Regarding English Learner (EL) Warning on Spring 2017 General Collection Submissions in the State's Enrollment System (Michigan Student Data System; MSDS)

What is the actual text of this MSDS warning?

Warning Description: The student has been reported as English Learner eligible in a previous collection and has not been exited. Please report the student with continuing EL eligibility or provide the EL exit information.

What caused this warning?

This warning is for any student previously reported as EL/LEP at some point in MSDS but was neither reported as EL/LEP exited nor re-reported as EL/LEP in MSDS after that point.

Why are some districts seeing this warning for the first time in the Spring 2017 General Collection?

While this warning is not new, it previously was only triggered if the student has been reported as EL/LEP in the last 12 months, but has since not been EL/LEP exited, nor re-reported as EL/LEP. It is now triggered if the student has been reported as EL/LEP at any point in the past, but has since not been EL/LEP exited, nor re-reported as EL/LEP.

What action is the warning trying to prompt from districts?

The warning is prompting districts to have their Pupil Accountant (i.e., MSDS person) work with the district's Title III Administrator and EL Assessment Coordinator to determine for each of these students: Is the student still EL/LEP or should they have been EL/LEP exited?

- If the student is still EL/LEP, then the district should re-report the student as EL/LEP in the current MSDS collection.
- If the student has since exited EL/LEP services, then the district should report an EL/LEP exit date in MSDS. However, please be aware of the following restrictions on [EL/LEP Exit Dates]:
 - An [EL/LEP Exit Date] must be on or after the [As Of Date] of the last record reporting the student as EL/LEP or it will have no effect.
 - An EL/LEP Exit Date on or after 7/1/2016 will result in the student being identified as EL/LEP for the current 2016-17 school year. Thus if the student was not EL/LEP for any portion of 2016-17, please make sure the [EL/LEP Exit Date] is 6/30/2016 or earlier.
 - If an [EL/LEP Exit Date] is prior to the start of the current academic year (7/1/2016) MSDS will generate a warning. This warning will **NOT** prevent users from submitting an [EL/LEP Exit Date] prior to the start of the current academic year but is meant to ensure this is an intentional action.
 - An [EL/LEP Exit Date] cannot be more than 12 months prior to the current record's [As Of Date].

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When do districts need to take these actions?

All data for the MSDS Spring 2017 General Collection must be submitted **by Wednesday, 3/15/2017**.

Are these students expected to take the Spring 2017 English Learner (EL) assessment (WIDA)?

Some, but not all, of these students will be expected to take Spring 2017 WIDA assessment.

- If the student is re-reported as EL/LEP in the MSDS Spring 2017 General Collection, then yes, the student will be expected to take Spring 2017 WIDA.
- If the student is reported with a EL/LEP exit date AND has been reported as EL/LEP in MSDS since 2013-14 or forward, then yes, student will be expected to take Spring 2017 WIDA.
- If the student is reported with a EL/LEP exit date AND has NOT been reported as EL/LEP in MSDS since 2012-13 or prior, then no, the student will NOT be expected to take Spring 2017 WIDA.

Will these students be included in accountability calculations?

Students that are expected to participate in the Spring 2017 English Learner (EL) assessment (WIDA) (see previous question/response above) will be included in accountability calculations.

Will these students count towards a district's Title III EL funding allocation?

That depends on the action that is taken by the district.

- If the student is determined to still be an EL/LEP student and is re-reported as EL/LEP in MSDS, then yes, the student will be included in determining the districts Title III EL allocation.
- If the student has never been reported as EL/LEP during the current year, then no, the student will NOT be included in determining the districts Title III EL allocation.

Who do we contact with additional questions?

For questions regarding:

- MSDS reporting of EL program participation or EL exit data please contact CEPI at 517-335-0505.
- EL assessments please contact Jen Paul in OSA at PaulJ@michigan.gov
- EL accountability please contact mde-accountability@michigan.gov or (877) 560-8378
- EL Title III funding allocations please contact William Rowan in OFS at RowanW@michigan.gov
- EL programming please contact Shereen Tabrizi in OFS at TabriziS@michigan.gov